



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

August 11, 2014

**Civic Center Library
Board of Directors Conference Room
3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James Campbell, Vice-Chair
Ragan Grossman, Commissioner
Edward Lopez, Commissioner (arrived at 5:13 p.m.)
Joel Martin, Commissioner
Andrew Song, Commissioner

ABSENT: Bob Fox, Chair
Laurie Coe, Commissioner

STAFF: Sharon Cini

GUESTS: Jim Ford
Jan Gehler
Marion Kelly
Don Logan
Sandra Westcott
David Simmons

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Members were present as indicated above.

1. Approval of minutes from the June 9, 2014

COMMISSIONER MARTIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 9, 2014 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER SONG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER LOPEZ WAS NOT YET PRESENT, AND CHAIRMAN FOX AND COMMISSIONER COE WERE ABSENT.

2. Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

3. Community diversity partner presentation and discussion - Community Celebrating Diversity

Jan Gehler, Community Celebrating Diversity president, led a presentation assisted by Board Members Jim Ford, Marion Kelly, and Don Logan. They discussed the CCD's mission, history and organizational structure. Emphasis was given to the organization's programs and in particular to the MLK "Living the Dream" Dinner and the Youth Voices Event. The group reviewed CCD's many accomplishments and community partnerships, including the Scottsdale Community Collaborative Scholarship, which offers three \$2,500 scholarships each year to youth who show promise of continued excellence and community service.

Mr. Ford extended an invitation for one of the Commissioners to participate as a Board Member for the Diversity Champion Awards.

Discussion ensued regarding marketing, signature events, and the possibility of CCD and the Human Relations Commission working together.

Sandra Westcott spoke about her experiences attending the MLK Dinner.

Commission members took a five-minute recess.

4. Presentation, discussion and consideration of possible topics, dates, times, and locations for the 2014/15 Civil Dialogue Series

Ms. Cini presented a calendar containing dates for the next year's civil dialogue series events. Subcommittee members for each topic discussed ideas for their events structure and marketing of the events. Presentations for the 2014/15 year include Disabilities, Native American, Hispanic, and Business partners.

The Commission formed a subcommittee tasked with focusing on marketing of the Civil Dialogue Series. Commissioners Grossman, Lopez and Song volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

5. Presentation, discussion and consideration of possible recommendations to the City Council regarding the Unity Pledge

Ms. Cini announced that Councilmember Korte initiated an agenda item for City Council to review the Unity Pledge, which has been agendized for the August 25, 2014 City Council meeting.

David Simmons talked about the importance of the City of Scottsdale adopting the Unity Pledge.

Ms. Cini briefly reviewed the list of organizations that have signed the Unity Pledge, including approximately 130 businesses in Scottsdale, 1,116 businesses in the Greater Phoenix area, the Scottsdale Lincoln Health Network, the Mayo Clinic, and the Scottsdale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

6. Staff updates regarding upcoming diversity events and activities

Ms. Cini noted that the LGBT Workplace Inclusion Conference hosted by ONE Community is scheduled for September 15, 2014 at the Tempe Library. She also asked that Commission members let her know as soon as possible whether or not they are interested in having a seat at the various Diversity Partners events to confirm participation. She mentioned that the City of Scottsdale is next to host the Regional Human Relations Commission meeting.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ MOVED TO SCHEDULE THE SCOTTSDALE HOSTED REGIONAL HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2015. COMMISSIONER SONG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIRMAN FOX AND COMMISSIONER COE WERE ABSENT.

Ms. Cini noted that the Regional Unity Walk hosted by the City of Tempe is scheduled for the first part of February 2015.

7. Report from the Chair

Vice-Chair Campbell noted that he continues to support events by attending and encourages each Commissioner to participate as representatives of the Scottsdale Human Relations Commission.

8. Commissioner Items

Commissioner Martin thanked Commission Members for supporting the Positively Powerful Women event and the VIP Breakfast held at Desert Botanical Garden.

Commissioner Lopez stressed the importance of Commission Members and City Council Members attending the Diversity Partners events. He encouraged everyone to give consideration to creating a diverse panel list for the Latin Civil Dialogue Series.

Commissioner Song noted that he attended the VIP Breakfast at Desert Botanical Garden. He mentioned that the Asian Chamber announced that they are planning a multi-ethnic Chamber soon in Scottsdale and that the Korean Association of Arizona will be holding a special ceremony to present Korean War Veterans with gratitude medals for the first time outside of Korea. There are over 500 applicants and the event will be held at the Chaparral Christian Church in Scottsdale on October 25th. He hopes that some of Scottsdale's leaders will participate in the awards ceremony.

Commissioner Grossman noted appreciation for everyone's help in acclimating her to the Commission's many activities during her first three months as a Commissioner.

9. Discussion regarding the draft agenda for the next meeting, and dates, times and topics for upcoming meetings.

Ms. Cini said the next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the regular meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz